

#18

PATENT

I hereby certify that on the date specified below, this correspondence, addressed to Box RCE, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, is being transmitted via facsimile to Ms. Francis Hicks, Office of Petitions, at fax number (703) 308-6916.

January 22, 2003  
Date

Ayesha S. Wilks

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Attorney Docket No. : 501082.06 (98-0616.05)

Serial No. : 09/652,842

Group Art Unit : 2825

Filed : August 31, 2000

Examiner : Belur V. Keshavan

Allowed : September 10, 2002

Issue Fee Paid : December 10, 2002

Confirmation No. : 4065

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Box RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

JAN 22 2003

PATENT OFFICE

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

### 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

#### a. ☐ Submission previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- ☒ Fax Cover Sheet  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet (+ copy)  
☒ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

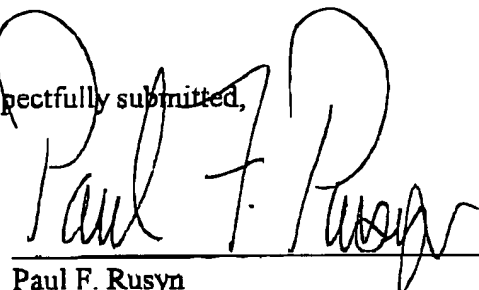
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees in the amount of \$880 and any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to **Deposit Account No. 50-1266.**

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

22 January 03

By:



Paul F. Rusyn  
Reg. No. 42,118  
Customer No. 27,076  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3400  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(208) 903-8823  
Attorney for Applicant

h:\ip\documents\clients\micron technology\1000\501082.06\501082.06 rce.doc